

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: DATA RECORDING METHOD : No. 8861-401US  
AND DATA RECORDING DEVICE : (P24597-01)  
USING SAME :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice:

**In the Claims:**

In claim 3, line 1 delete "Claims 1 or 2" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;  
In claim 6, line 1 delete "Claims 1 or 4" and substitute therefor --claim 1--;  
In claim 11, line 1 delete "Claims 8 or 10" and substitute therefor --claim 8--.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 16 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is to delete the multiple dependent claims in this application, and thereby eliminate excessive claim fees. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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